

RE-ELECTION OF CHIANG

2,430 Votes To Chu Cheng's 269
Assembly Dispute Settled?

Nanking, Apr. 19.
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was this afternoon elected China's first Constitutional President by an overwhelming majority. The ballot was President Chiang 2,430 and Dr. Chu Cheng 269.

Contrary to previous Assembly sessions perfect order reigned this morning as delegates went about their task of voting for the President—drawing a circle around one of the two names on the voting slip and dropping it in a designated box. The announcement of the result by the Chairman, Chou Tsung-yoh, of Yunnan, was greeted with prolonged applause by the record attendance.

The Assembly will elect the Vice-President on Friday, at the conclusion of its four-week session.

Chiang Kai-shek was drafted as a presidential candidate early last week after he had publicly announced his disqualification to run for the nation's highest office.

The foreign diplomatic corps turned out in full force to observe the election and all are said to have been greatly impressed with the way in which it was carried out.

Many Diplomats

Among the diplomats seen watching from front rows were the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson; the United States Ambassador, Dr. John Leighton Stuart; the Canadian Ambassador, Judge T.C. Davis; the Czechoslovakian Ambassador, Mr. J. Lelek; the Brazilian Ambassador, Mr. S. Fenollosa; and the Iranian Charge d'Affaires, Mr. D. Ghadimi.

On learning of Chiang's election, Nanking citizens celebrated by hoisting national flags and letting off firecrackers.

Although today's result was no surprise—"being the will of the people"—some doubt as to the Generalissimo's stand since his announced determination to give up the presidential office has existed in the capital ever since.

The nominal leader of the Chinese Republic since the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen in 1927, Chiang is now the first constitutional President and will hold office for six years.

As Generalissimo, Chiang led the Chinese people through eight years of war with Japan and everyone in Nationalist China has

SUN FO'S REBUKE TO NANKING PROFESSORS

Nanking, Apr. 18.
Even if China surrenders to Communism, there is no guarantee there will be peace. A Red victory would mean a "despotic, one-party, Soviet Government in China."

The words are those of Dr. Sun Fo, Vice-President of China, in a rebuke to the group of Nanking professors who endorsed Chiang Kai-shek's renunciation of the Presidency, but who qualified their endorsement with the suggestion the fight against Communism should be abandoned.

Dr. Sun, whose past teachings have leaned to liberalism, and who cannot be labeled a reactionary in any sense, is nevertheless, an avowed enemy of Communism. China, he said, under Communism "would be similar to the present Republic of Outer Mongolia at first, then become an integral part of the USSR, and take all its

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Italian Elections

Rome, Apr. 19.
In each of Italy's 68 provinces, from 69 to 88 per cent of the electorate had gone to the polls by 10 p.m. last night (local time), the Ministry of the Interior announced today.

The Ministry gave the following percentages of votes already recorded in the provinces: 88% in Rome, Pavia and Biella; 86% in Mantua, Cremona and Reggio Emilia; 83% in Venice; 82% in Turin, 78% in Milan.

The lowest percentages were: Naples 70% and Trapani, South Italy, 65%.—Reuter.

Secretary Was Told To Lie

Berlin, Apr. 18.
Mr. Robert Magidoff, the American radio reporter expelled from Russia, said when he arrived in Berlin by air today, that he was sure his secretary had not denounced him as a spy on her own initiative.

"She was probably called in and told to look around and find something in my office that could be twisted into an incriminating charge," he said.

"She found letters from McGraw-Hill, the New York publishers for whom I wrote magazine pieces.

"They were routine letters which had come in through the open mail, and which I had made an effort to conceal."

"In all the 12 years I have lived and worked in Russia, I have never received a single communication pertaining to my work as a correspondent otherwise than through the open mail."

"I admit that, from the point of view of the Russians, taking into account the state of mind there, the letters from McGraw-Hill did touch on dangerous subjects. But in any other country, they would have been routine inquiries, which, in fact, McGraw-Hill had sent to correspondents all over the world."

"I had never tried to hide them. They were lying open in my files. I am sure the Russians had read them before they reached me."—Reuter.

Chinese Break Harbour Strike

Singapore, Apr. 18.
Nearly 1,700 Chinese—members of two unions which opposed yesterday's strike by 8,000 harbour workers for wage increases and better working conditions—today began loading and unloading 14 of the 18 vessels berthed in Singapore wharves.

Indian labourers attempted to stop Indians wishing to return to work, and the police arrested and charged one man with intimidation.

The strikers' demands were described as "frivolous" by Mr. P.A.T. Chirles, acting Chairman of the Harbour Board, who said the Board would not attempt conciliation, but would offer the strikers the same pay and no "victimisation" if they returned to work.

He added that the strikers would have to give "reasonable discipline." The Board would accept the cooperation of "healthy unionism."—Reuter.

The Vice-President made what has been one of few official and public references to Russian invasion of the Sino-Soviet treaty of friendship signed in Moscow in 1945.

"The USSR," he said, "acknowledged China's sovereignty over the Northeast in accordance with the pact, yet she has stripped industries in the Northeast, and expanded her sphere of influence in the area."

"If we did not exert our all in suppressing this caustic element now, it will threaten the very existence of this nation. Moreover, if Communism succeeds in China, World War II will soon break out."—United Press.

DOCK SINKS AT SEA

New York, Apr. 18.
United States Coast Guard headquarters here reported today that a dry-dock being towed from Bermuda had been partly submerged 800 miles south-east of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, and that 15 men were adrift in lifeboats.

According to a Jacksonville, Florida, report, 22 men took to the lifeboats but were rescued by the "Kevin Moran," which was towing the dry-dock. The dry dock was reported to have sunk in the Atlantic.—Reuter.

One officer assigned to the investigation told reporters: "If anyone stopped the train to alight at Winsford instead of travelling the additional 10 miles to Crewe, they would save themselves a whole night's wait at

PIRATES LET VICTIMS GO Released Because One Was Son Of A Noted Philanthropist

After being in captivity for four months, three of the six first-class passengers taken hostage by pirates who seized control of the 4,500-ton "Van Heutsz" for more than 15 hours on December 14-15 last near Hong Kong, have been released without payment of ransom, the "China Mail" learned authoritatively last night.

The three are Tan Kit-cheang, son of the Singapore millionaire-philanthropist Tan Kah-kee; Pak Ki-pao, Manager of the Swatow Municipal Bank; and Tan Cheng-seng, staff member of a local Chinese bank. Three others still held by the pirates are Parkson Chan, member of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Bureau at Swatow; K. P. Young, Manager of the Wing On Insurance Branch in Swatow; and Tan Keng-Piat, a colleague of Tan Cheng-seng, one of the released men.

They made investigations in Hong Kong and Singapore.

When they discovered that Tan Kit-cheang was really a son of the "China Mail" last night, All were run down in health and had lost considerable weight chiefly due to worry and non-nourishing food.

Tan Kit-cheang, after receiving medical care, left last Saturday for his home in Amoy, where he intends to recuperate. The other two have also left the Colony and are resting at their homes in the country.

Relatives told the "China Mail" that Tan Kah-kee's philanthropic reputation easily secured the release of his son.

At first the pirates were doubtful of Tan Kit-cheang's identity.

During their captivity, Tan and the other five hostages were moved from place to place in the country, the pirates apparently keeping on the move to avoid search parties sent out by the Chinese authorities.

Treatment at the hands of the pirates was fair, but food was not good. On the night of April 10, the three were taken to a beach and put on board a junk.

After sailing for about 24 hours, they were landed secretly in Hong Kong and made their way to their relatives.

Tan told his relatives that he did not know from which part of the coast he had come nor would the people on the junk say anything. They were ordered by the pirates not to say anything.

The pirates, he revealed, were very angry with him. They said they had spent a considerable sum establishing his identity, money which they would not have spent had he informed them at the time of the piracy that he was the son of Tan Kah-ke, for whom they appeared to have great respect.

Three Still Held

The fate of the other three is still unknown. It is rumoured that the pirates are demanding \$300,000 ransom for each.

Disguised as passengers, some 25 pirates seized control of the "Van Heutsz" on December 14 last four hours after the ship left Hong Kong harbour. They forced the captain to steer the vessel off course towards Chilang Point, 60 miles north-east of the Colony.

They were in control for more than 15 hours and after relieving passengers and crew their money and other valuables, they forced six first-class passengers, the captain and other officers into a commandeer'd junk.

After landing in Bias Bay, they forced the captain and the officers to row back to the ship in the junk.

Washington, Apr. 18.
The retiring British Ambassador to America, Lord Inverchapel, will present decorations to 78 members of the American Armed Forces on April 20 in a British Embassy ceremony, it was stated in Washington today.—Associated Press.

Man In Hurry Cause Of Train Wreck?

Crews, Apr. 18.
Police worked on a theory last night that a train passenger in a hurry to get home caused a wreck which killed 24 persons.

The smash, occurred early on Saturday at Winsford, near Crewe, when somebody stopped an express by pulling the communication cord and a fast mail train struck it from behind.

One of the 34 injured died in lifeboat.

One officer assigned to the investigation told reporters: "If anyone stopped the train to alight at Winsford instead of travelling the additional 10 miles to Crewe, they would save themselves a whole night's wait at

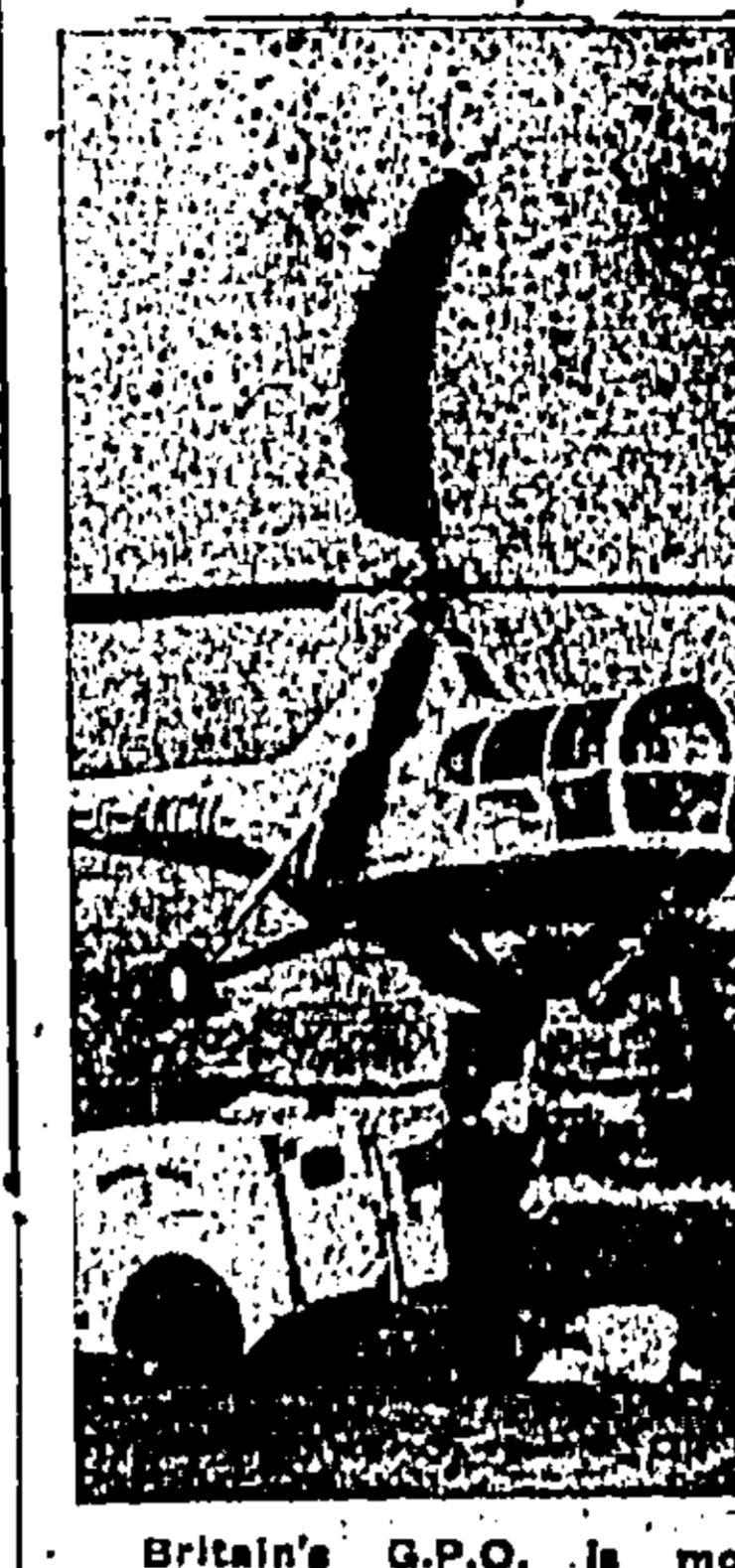
Armed robbery, kidnapping and demanding protection money are crimes punishable by execution.

Six men, who were found guilty of armed robbery, were executed by shooting over the maximum penalty for the offence.

Meanwhile increasing numbers of aircraft are being turned into action to help the hard-pressed

PICTURE OF THE DAY

Mails By Helicopter



PREMIER TURNS DOWN JEWISH SUGGESTION

London, Apr. 18.
Copies of letters exchanged between the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, and Professor S. Brodetsky, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, were circulated to the Deputies at a meeting in London today.

Professor Brodetsky, in a letter dated March 10, asked the Government to urge upon the High Commissioner and the British military commander in Palestine that nothing should be done to hamper the work of the United Nations Palestine Commission; to do all in their power to bring about the apprehension and expulsion of armed Arabs

who had invaded Palestine from neighbouring countries; to legalise Haganah, the Jewish defence force, to allow it to acquire arms, and to permit steps to be taken immediately leading to the establishment of a Jewish militia under the authority of the United Nations Commission.

Replying on March 20, Mr. Attlee spoke of Professor Brodetsky's speech to the entry of armed Arab bands across the frontiers of Palestine, stating that all possible steps were taken by the British forces to prevent such incursions.

Commenting that Transjordan, Iraq and Egypt relied on British supplies for the maintenance of their armed forces in a condition of readiness to meet any threat which might develop to their internal security or their frontiers, Mr. Attlee said: "We have no reason to suppose that the small and infrequent supply of arms to the regular forces of the states concerned have been, or are, likely, to be put to improper use in Palestine."

British Arms

"Where it has been established that bands of Arab invaders have been permitted to assemble in neighbouring states and cross the frontiers of Palestine, we have addressed vigorous protests to the states concerned," he said.

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Haganah

"We have made it clear that we shall have to reconsider our commitments if it should appear that any of the material so supplied is being diverted to Palestine."

On the suggestion that Haganah should be "legalised," Mr. Attlee said that the Government could not see their way to a recognition of this "independent and purely Jewish force" and he added that the Government did not regard it as conducive to peace in Palestine to permit stores of offensive arms in the possession of either community to be increased.

Rothermere, publisher of the "Daily Mail" and associated newspapers, and a Director of Reuters, was the guest of honour at the celebration banquet.

"The freedom of the press is nothing automatic nor is it inherent in the nature of man or the human scheme. It is something that has been won only after long and sometimes bitter struggle and it will remain just so long as men are willing to fight, and if necessary die, in order to keep it," he said.

"The success and stability of the Associated Press, the maintenance of those principles for which it stands, are matters of vital importance, not only to the United States, but to the entire world. They are important and vital to all democratic nations who find in the strength and endurance of their free institutions the main hope of salvation, where freedom and the cause of truth are being so bitterly assailed."

On the other hand, it was not their policy to remove from either community "arms which might be legitimately regarded as necessary for defence on the British departure,"—Reuter.

The "Heinrich Gessen" In Port

At present on charter with the Royal Inter-ocean Line, the 3,600-ton steamship "Heinrich Gessen," most modern coaster operating in this part of the world docked here yesterday morning on her way to Singapo-

re.

"Heinrich Gessen" was built in Kowloon docks in 1940. She is of the Three Island type with a cruiser stern and a speed of 12½ knots. In 1940 she was requisitioned for passenger trade along the coasts and later taken over by the Indian Navy who renamed her the "Baracuda."

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The "Baracuda" also became a "mother" vessel for gunboats, and with 600 living aboard, her holds were converted to carry ammunition, fuel oil, and a cinema built on board.

At the end of the war, a large amount of reconstruction was necessary before she could again become a passenger-carrying ship and resume her peacetime name of "Heinrich Gessen." Due also to the shortage of materials and dockyard strikes in Calcutta, this took nearly two years, and was finally completed in Kowloon docks in October last year.

GEN. FU TSO-YI TAKES ANSHING, IHSIEN

Shanghai, Apr. 19.
General Fu Tso-yi's armies in North China captured another two important Communist bases in Central Hopei in the past 24 hours as they continued operations designed to eliminate a possible Red threat to the Peiping-Tientsin-Paoing triangular area, according to pro-Government despatches today.

These newly-won strongholds are Anshing, 20 miles east of Paoing, which the Communist General Nieh Yung-cheng has often used as a main base for offensives against the Hopei provincial capital; and Ihsien, 40 miles north of Paoing and west of Peiping-Hankow Railway.

Altogether three Government columns are at present engaged in sweeping operations in Central Hopei, and their booty to date includes thousands of tons of grain which the Communists had stored in various villages.

On the Shantung front Communist troops made no notable headway in their efforts to capture Weihaiwei and nearby Changtu despite incessant attacks.

Following Chiang, Kai-shek's promise yesterday afternoon to Shantung's National Assembly delegates that everything possible would be done to save these two railway cities, it was learned semi-officially today that large Nationalist troops reinforcements are at present moving into Shantung from various directions.

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Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 22nd April 1948.

By Order,
S.A. Sleep
Actg. Secretar

NATURALISATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that ELENA FEOQOTOVNA SHAPIRO, 23 Cameron Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong, is applying to the Governor for naturalisation, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Hong Kong.

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Notice To Shareholders

ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m. or at such time as the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:

"That the New Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company and of the Meeting, be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Offices of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.
Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

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Notice To Shareholders

ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-Seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 21st April, 1948, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY, 7th April, 1948, to WEDNESDAY, 21st April, 1948, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
B. C. FIELD,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 30th March, 1948.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

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1. To receive and consider the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet and the Report of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
2. To elect Directors.
3. To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.
4. To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be closed from the 16th April 1948 to the 27th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

R. G. CRAIG,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong.

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1. To receive and consider the Statement of Accounts for the period 1st October, 1947 to 30th September, 1947 and the Report of the Directors and Auditors thereon; to elect Directors in the place of those retiring by rotation or otherwise; to appoint Auditors; to sanction the declaration of a dividend; and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.
2. To receive and consider the Statement of Accounts for the period 1st October, 1946 to 30th September, 1947 and the Report of the Directors and Auditors thereon; to elect Directors in the place of those retiring by rotation or otherwise; to appoint Auditors; to sanction the declaration of a dividend; and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be closed from the 17th April 1948 to the 13th May 1948, both days inclusive.

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T. H. GWYNNE,
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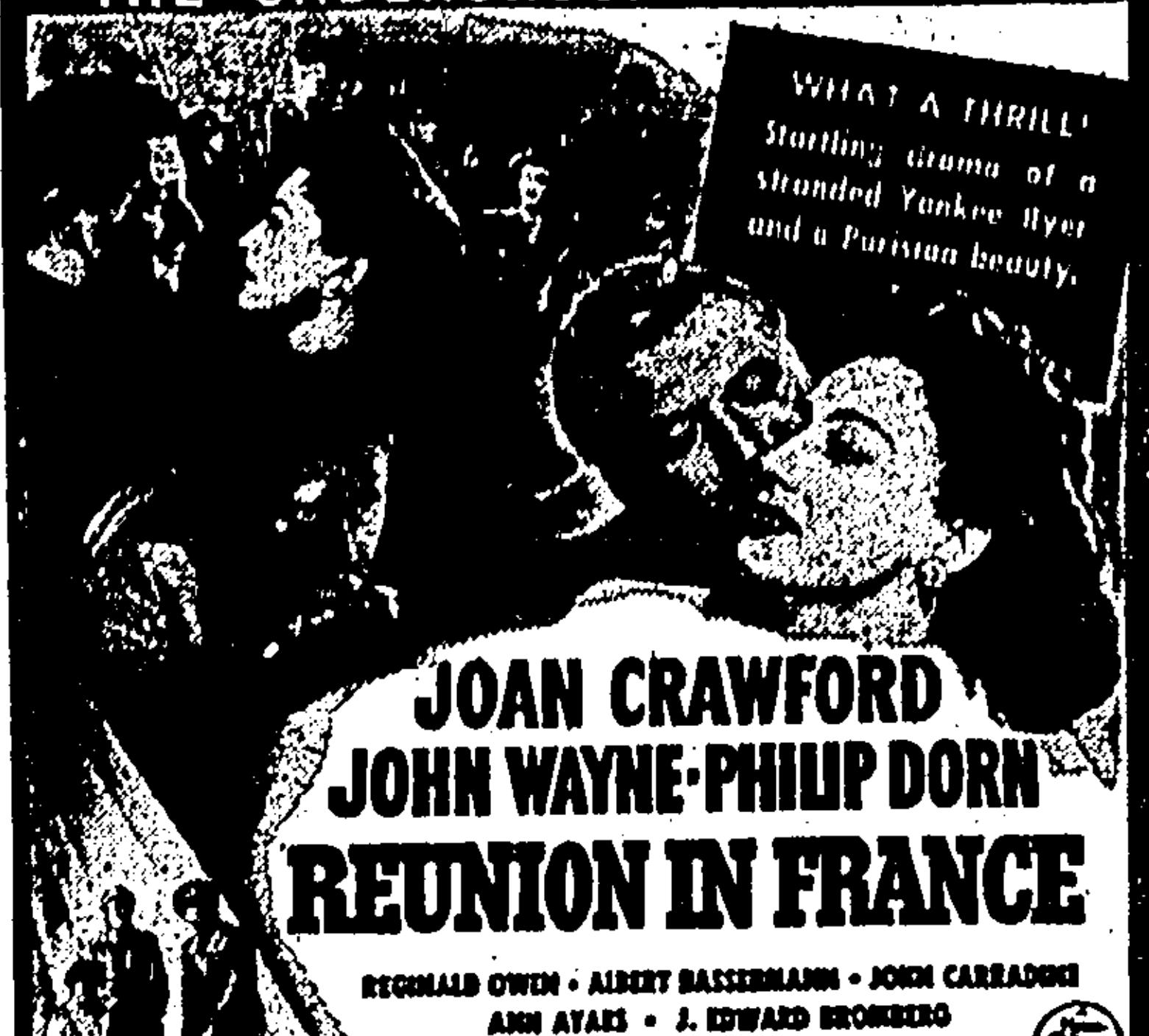
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Fear Of Red Coups In Two Countries

Bogota Shooting Continues

Washington, Apr. 18. It was disclosed today that the State Department has received reports, which are not yet verified, that the Communists or Communist-backed groups may try to seize power in Chile and Ecuador in the next few weeks.

A Department source made it clear that the reports lack official verification.

But one of them tends to support the official announcements by the Chilean Government that the Communists there plan an uprising on May 10 envisaging the kidnapping of President Gonzalez and other Government and Army leaders.

A report on Ecuador said that the "Conservatives" with the help of the Communists were going to try to seize power about June 1.

Despatches from Latin America during the past week gave hints of expected Communist activities; and General Renépicio, Costa Rican Security Minister, said in Mexico City that the Communists planned a new uprising in Chile, Venezuela and Jamaica in the near future.

Top Government officials in Brazil have blamed International Communist conspirators for the explosions that destroyed a large part of Deodoro, military base in Rio de Janeiro, last Thursday.

Rebel Leader's Defiance

New York, Apr. 18. Rebel leader Jose Figueres today said Costa Rica's civil war would be continued unless his terms for peace were respected immediately.

Figueres made the statement in a telephone interview from Cartago, Costa Rica, where he has established the capital of what he calls "the second republic."

Figueres claims to control the entire east coast of the country and to have troops within eight miles of San Jose, the capital.

Fighting has been suspended to permit peace negotiations, which are conducted with the aid of a diplomatic committee.

Figueres said he had his emissary, Father Benjamin Nunez, go to San Jose for a meeting today but had no word of the outcome.—Associated Press.

Tribal Chieftains' Demand

Peshawar, Apr. 18. Tribal chiefs of the North West Frontier have demanded a right of way through Pakistan territory to help their "Moolvi brethren" in Kashmir. They said they would not rest until that State had been cleared of Indian troops.

They made the demand last night in an address to Mohammed Ali Jinnah, Governor-General of Pakistan, after he had told them at an all-tribal council of chiefs here that Pakistan would not hesitate to go out of its way to give every possible help, financial and otherwise, to build up the economic life of "our tribal brethren across the border."

It was the first joint assembly of tribal chiefs ever held in the history of the tribes of the North West Frontier. Two and a half million tribesmen from Chitral in the north, to the borders of Baluchistan in the south, were represented by their bearded maliks or chiefs.—Reuter.

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The remains of Mrs. KATE MARY CRUISE GUIMARAES (mother of G.A. and L.A. Guimaraes and Mrs. C.M. Guimaraes-Benedicto) who died on April 18th, 1945, will be reinterred at the Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, today, 20th April. The cortege will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m.

**CHINA, AMERICA
AND JAPAN**

As had been foreshadowed, Chiang Kai-shek has been elected President of China under the new Constitution, but unhampered by its limitation of power. The excuse for abandoning the provisions of this democratically designed formula at the outset is perhaps good enough in its way. There could be little point in pretence, and the antics of the National Assembly in the last week or two have been sufficient to show that the Chinese have a long way to go before understanding parliamentary methods and functions, while the civil war, beyond doubt, has reached a stage of crisis more than justifying the declaration of a state of emergency.

In many respects, there are parallels between conditions in China and those in Greece. Russia does not want China to stand on her own feet any more than she does Greece, and it is cheaper and safer to subsidise native 'rebels' than to employ Russian troops. But there are differences. The Greek Communists are plundering bandits, with a record of savagery unsurpassed. The Chinese Communists are, as Communists go, fairly well behaved. Again, the Greek Government, whatever its faults, represents the verdict of a general election fairly conducted under close Western supervision. In China there has never been a proper election yet, and the power of the Kuomintang, the party behind Chiang Kai-shek, is derived from organised force.

For these reasons it is difficult for the Western Powers in general or the United States in particular to repeat in China the policy pursued in Greece. At the outset China enjoyed American goodwill in an exceptional degree. Modern China has gone mainly to American universities for its higher education, and the idealist professions of the students tended to be taken by their teachers at face value. They talked like Westerners and were expected to behave like them. Alas, the deeply engrained traditions of Chinese public dishonesty were not to be so easily washed out. The Americans had good opportunities of observing their continuance in an area like the now extraterritorial Shanghai. Disillusionment is now very widespread.

But so also is the alarm felt in America at the progress of Chinese Communism. A fairly common opinion among outside observers is that, even if military aid were given to the Central Government, it could not hope to regain all the lost ground. Losses would have to be cut; which for geographical reasons would mean the abandonment of Manchuria. On the other hand, there are Americans in influential positions so deeply impressed by the menace of a Russified Manchuria that they would advocate doing almost anything to prevent it.

American opinion thus faces a dilemma—either to increase the aid to Nanking or to watch Russia exerting a stranglehold over China. Since Prague the first alternative has gained in favour. The present aid is very con-

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Deadly Changes In Germany



The French, although their political affairs still remained in constant flux and in motion without particular significance, clung tenaciously to the French army as the centre and prop of the life of France and of all her allies. This attitude earned them rebukes both in Britain and in the United States. The opinions of the Press and public were in no way founded upon reality; but the adverse tide was strong.

Under the so-called National Government British public opinion showed an increasing inclination to cast aside all care about Germany. It was vain—the French had pointed out correctly in a memorandum of July 21, 1931, that the general assurance given at Versailles that universal limitation of armaments should follow the one-sided disarmament of Germany did not constitute a treaty obligation. It certainly was not an obligation enforceable apart from time and circumstance.

At the end of the World War France, like Great Britain, had an enormous mass of heavy artillery, whereas the German army had in fact been blown to bits according to treaty. Mr. MacDonald sought to remedy this evident inequality by proposing to limit the calibre of mobile artillery guns to 105-mm. or 4.2 inches. Existing guns up to 6 inches could be retained, but all replacements were to be limited to 4.2 inches.

British interests, as distinct

from those of France, were to be

protected by the maintenance of

the treaty restrictions against

German naval armaments until

1935, when it was proposed that

a new Naval Conference should

meet. Military aircraft were

prohibited to Germany for the

duration of the Agreement; but

the three Allied Powers should

reduce their own Air Forces to

500 planes apiece.

This meant that the 70,000,000 Germans ought to be allowed to

search and prepare for war

without the victors in the late

foolish struggle being entitled to

make any objection. Equality

of status between victors and

vanquished; equality between a

France of 39,000,000 and a Ger

many of nearly double that

number!

The German Government were

emboldened by the British de

meanour. They ascribed it to

the fundamental weakness and

inherent decadence imposed even

upon a Nordic race by the dem

ocratic and parliamentary form

of society. With all Hitler's

national drive behind them, they

took a haughty line. In July,

their delegation gathered up its

papers and quitted the Disarm

ment Conference. To coax them

back, they became the prime

political objective of the victori

ous Allies.

In November the French, un

der severe and constant British

pressure, proposed what was

somewhat unfairly called "The

Haston Plan."

The essence of this was the reconstitution of all

European defence forces as short

service armies with limited

numbers, admitting equality of

status but not necessarily accept

ing equality of strength.

In fact and in principle, the

admission of equality of status

made it impossible ultimately

not to accept equality of strength.

This enabled the Allied Govern

ments to offer to Germany

"equality of rights in a system

which would provide security

for all nations."

Under certain safeguards of

an illusory character the French

were reduced to accepting this

meaningless formula. On this

the Germans consented to return

to the Disarmament Conference.

This was hailed as a notable

victory for peace.

Fanned by the breeze of popu

larity, his Majesty's Government

now produced on March 16,

what was called after its

author and inspirer, "The Mac

Donald Plan."

It accepted as its

starting-point the adoption of

French conception of short-serv

ice armies—in this case of

eight months' service—and pro

ceeded to prescribe exact figures

for the troops of each country.

The French army should be re

duced from 500,000 men to 200,

000 and the Germans should in

crease to parity at that figure.

like being smothered by a feather-bed.

I remember particularly the look of pain and aversion which I saw on the faces of members in all parts of the House when I said, "Thank God for the French army." Words were vain.

However, the French had the hardihood to insist that there should be a delay of four years before the destruction of their heavy war material. The British Government accepted this modification provided that the French agreement about the destruction of their artillery was signed in a document for immediate signature.

France bowed to this and on October 24, 1933, Sir John Simon, after comparing what Germany had shifted her ground in the course of the preceding weeks, brought these draft proposals before the Disarmament Conference. The result was unexpected.

Hilter, now Chancellor and Master of all Germany, having already given orders on assuming power to drive ahead boldly on a nation-wide scale, both in the training camps and the factories, felt himself in a strong position. He did not even trouble to accept the quixotic offers pressed upon him. With a gesture of disdain he directed the German Government to withdraw both from the Conference and from the League of Nations. Such was the fate of the MacDonald Plan.

All this while the United States remained intensely preoccupied with its own vehement internal affairs and economic problems. Europe and far-off Japan watched with steady gaze the rise of German warlike power. Disquietude was increasingly expressed in Scandinavian countries and the Little Entente and in some Bal

kan countries.

China, however, was a member of the League, and although she had not paid her subscription to that body, she appealed to it for what was no more than justice. On September 30, 1933, the League called on Japan to remove her troops from Manchuria.

In December a Commission was appointed to conduct an inquiry on the spot. The League of Nations entrusted the Chairmanship of the Commission to the Earl of Lytton, the worthy descendant of a gifted line. The whole background of the Manchurian affair was carefully presented. The conclusions drawn were plain. M

an-chukuo was the artificial creation of the Japanese General Staff, and the wishes of the population had played no part in the formation of this puppet State.

In February, 1933, the League of Nations declared that the State of Manchukuo could not be recognised. Although no sanctions were imposed upon Japan, nor any other action taken, Japan, on March 27, 1933, withdrew from the League of Nations. Germany and Japan had been on opposite sides in the war; they now looked towards each other in a different mood. The moral authority of the League was shown to be devoid of any physical support at a time when its activity and strength were most needed.

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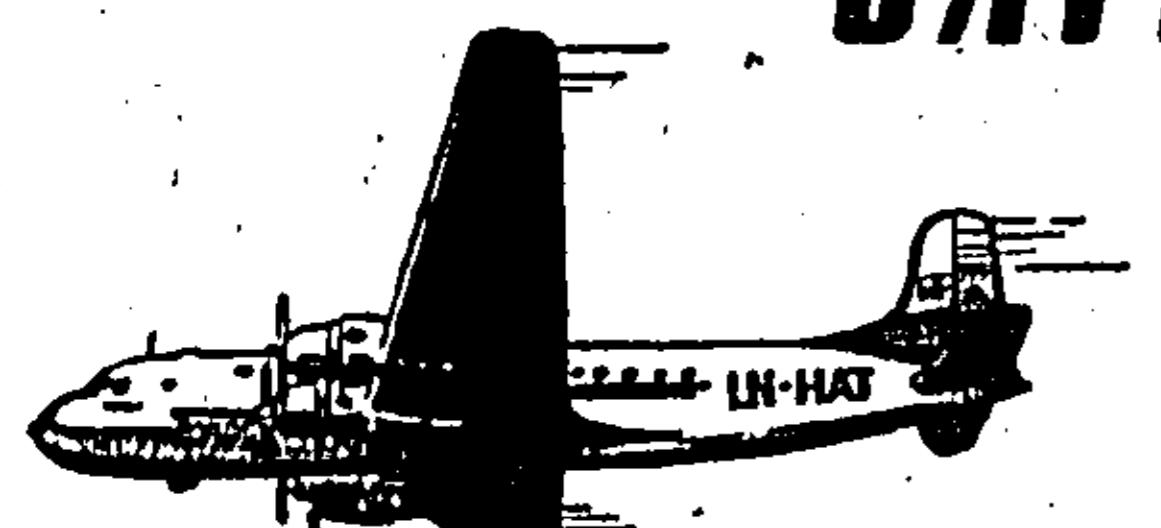
Batavia, April 18. Full satisfaction has now been given by the Indonesian Republic over the Jogjakarta railway station incident. The Netherlands East Indies Information Service stated to

that there were no further impediments in the way of continuing the political negotiations between the Dutch and Republicans. The statement added.

The announcement was made in an episode in England, but in Germany, in Russia, in Italy, in Japan, the idea of a decadent, degenerate Britain took deep root and swayed many calculations.

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ARABS CLAIM A VICTORY

Jewish Settlement Said Occupied Attack On Haifa's Phone Exchange

Jerusalem, Apr. 19. The Arab National Committee of Jerusalem claimed last night that the Arab Judean army had entered Nevi Yacov, a Jewish settlement astride the main road from Jerusalem to the Arab "triangle of terror," and demolished several houses.

"We entered the village at 1830 hours," the Arab Committee spokesman said. "The Jews had left and we demolished several houses."

"We entered the settlement after an hour of cannonading," the spokesman said.

Jewish sources declared that a "terrific fight is still in progress" and denied the Arab victory claim.

British Highland Light Infantry sources said that the Arabs "won a victory and captured 20 Jewish armoured cars."

The spokesman for the Arab Committee said that the attack on the Jewish settlement was directed by Emil Ghouri, member of the Arab Higher Executive, who assumed command of the Arab forces after the death in battle of Abdul Kader Hussein.

Briton Killed

Nevi Yacov (New Jacob) lies five miles north of Jerusalem on the main road between the Holy City and Nablus, the southern point of the solidly Arab Nablus-Jenin-Tulkarm triangle.

Before Palestine's civil war erupted, the settlement population was about 400.

In January, women and children were evacuated and the settlement was occupied by Haganah. Almost daily recently, snipers operating from the settlement's vantage point on a slight rise and from a concrete watch tower, have sniped at passing Arab traffic.

Haganah said that in a four-hour attack by the Arabs on Nevi Yacov, the Jews suffered one killed and seven wounded.

Haganah also claimed that four Arab Legion armoured cars participated in the assault.

One of the armoured cars Haganah said, overturned and two occupants were killed. One was a British officer.

In Jerusalem

A bomb explosion in the Montefiore section of Jerusalem tonight touched off a running battle between Arabs and the Haganah forces who dominate the area.

First reports said the bomb was directed at a Jewish house in Montefiore. The explosion shook the entire area as well as the press and communications building 150 yards away, which had received a false bomb warning earlier in the day.

Morior fire was heard after the explosion.

The Arabs planted the bomb in an unoccupied house which had been heavily damaged in an earlier attack. The house, now completely destroyed, had held a strategic position near the Bethlehem road and the Arabs apparently had feared it would be reoccupied as another Jewish strong-point on the road leading into the Holy City.

Russian Officers?

It was reported that Haganah forces tried to capture the Halfa telephone exchange early today but were driven off by Arabs and the British.

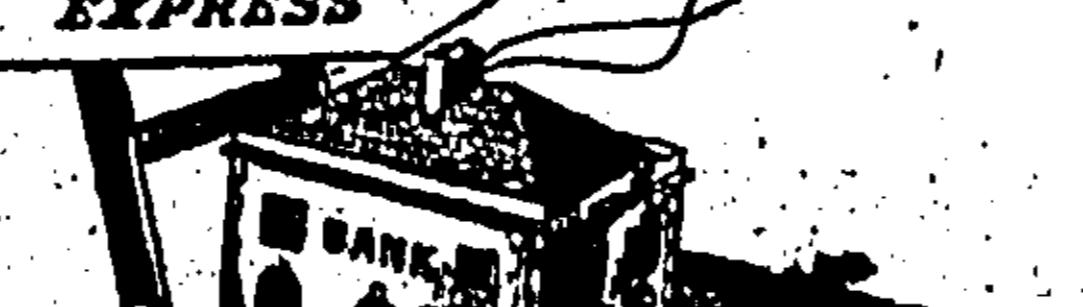
The exchange is located in "No Man's Land."

LEOPOLD BACK

Geneva, Apr. 18. King Leopold III of Belgium, his wife, the Princess de Béthune, and Crown Prince Baudouin returned to their residence in exile near Geneva on Sunday, after their three months' holiday in the West Indies.—Associated Press.

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SWORDS STOLEN FROM MUSEUM

London, Apr. 18. Two valuable presentation swords—both gifts to the Duke of Wellington—one from the inhabitants of Bengal in 1804, the other from the Emperor Alexander of Russia in 1814—were stolen from London's Victoria and Albert Museum last night.

The swords, in scabbards encrusted with emeralds and diamonds, were valued at between £5,000 and £10,000. —Reuter.

Treason Trial In Belgrade

Belgrade, Apr. 18. The first big treason trial of high Communist officials in Premier Tito's Government will begin on Tuesday at Ljubljana.

Nearly 20 officials were reported arrested last month in what some observers call the first purge of the Yugoslav Communist Party. Several held high positions in the national government and the others were reported to have held important posts in the Slovenian State government.

Government authorities have denied the trial will be like the Russian purge trials some 10 years ago. They said they have the documentary evidence to show the defendants are traitors. The trial will be public.—Associated Press.

Ammo Train Blown Up

Jerusalem, Apr. 18.

Jews blew up a British Army ammunition train at Ben Yamina, in the Palestine orange belt yesterday, and then opened heavy fire on the troops who went to investigate. It was officially announced.—Reuter.

French Offer Of Friendship To The Italians

Paris, Apr. 18.

M. Robert Schuman, the Premier, told a political meeting at Poitiers, southwestern France, today that France had received \$280 million worth of goods free from the United States since the end of December.

M. Schuman said American aid was an "unprecedented act of human solidarity."

"This initiative has been refused by certain countries. Yet this initiative holds out a great opportunity for pacific organization of the world."

He hoped the results of the elections will mean, for the peninsula, a return to true democracy, to a cordial reconciliation and to confident cooperation between France and Italy."

German Danger

Discussing Germany, the Premier said: "A statute must be devised for Germany, founded on democratic principles, but not without serious precautions."

Any plan which would lead to the establishment of a centralized power in Germany, M. Schuman said, would mean for her "the temptation of a permanent and progressive threat of revenge, first and aggressive imperialism later."

He added that as soon as Parliament convened, the Government will ask for the rapid passing of laws for military reorganization, which will cost the country only the indispensable minimum in money and men.—Reuter.

M. Schuman said that his Government this week would introduce in Parliament a series of bills for "military reorganization" to bolster the nation's defence.

Defence Aims

In a public address, M. Schuman declared that the Government would demand that Parliament, when it reconvenes on Tuesday, give rapid consideration and a vote to military measures. He did not specify the nature of the reorganization except to say that it would cost France "only indispensable minimum credits."

At the same time, M. Schuman said the Government was bent on protecting interior security "against any tentative threat of disorder."

"The Government intends to reconcile liberty and authority and repress all which can harm collective interests," said M. Schuman.—United Press.

PENICILLIN'S EFFECTIVENESS

Washington, Apr. 18.

The American Pharmaceutical Association today reported evidence that the germ-killing powers of penicillin may be doubled or even quadrupled by mixing the wonder drug with tiny amounts of the common chemical cobalt chloride.

Cobalt chloride is a red chemical used in most barometers and "invisible ink." It has little effect on germs by itself. The Association said its "unusual enhancement" of penicillin's powers was discovered by scientists at the University of California College of Pharmacy.—United Press.

Military Aid For Palestine Demand

Baghdad, Apr. 18.

More than 15,000 demonstrators demanded immediate military aid for Palestine here today as leading Arab military experts prepared for important "Help Palestine" talks at the palace of the Regent, Emir Abdul Illah.

All day, the demonstrators staged marches through the city's streets.

General Ismail Safwat, Inspector-General of the Arab Liberation Army, was expected to arrive here tonight to begin talks under the Regent before leaving tomorrow for an "unknown destination."

Jamil Al Rawi, the Iraqi Minister in Amman, and Sherif Hussein Nasir, the Iraqi Con-Gen in Jerusalem, have been called to Baghdad to report on the situation.

Nasrat Al Farisi, the Iraqi Foreign Minister, arrived here yesterday from Cairo, where the Arab League Political Committee has been discussing Palestine.

An Iraqi spokesman told Reuter tonight: "I assure the Arab world that Iraq's aid to Palestine will end the Zionist terrorism and massacre."—Reuter.

Buddhist Activity In Germany

Duesseldorf, Apr. 18.

U Tha Nanda, a Buddhist High Abbot from Rangoon, arrived in Duesseldorf from Paris today to visit German Buddhist communities in the Ruhr and other parts of Western Germany.

It was the first time in the history of German Buddhism that a visit had been made by a dignitary from one of the Buddhist countries of Asia.

U Tha Nanda said he expected to stay in Germany some weeks to address members of the growing German Buddhist movement.

"I feel that the German people are suited to Buddhism," he said, "and I am happy at the progress our teaching has made in this country, particularly since the end of the war."

"The Germans, like the Buddhist people of the East, are really peaceful when they aim at peace. When left alone, they easily follow the path of peace."

The German Buddhist movement, largely composed of intellectuals, was stated by an official of the Duesseldorf community today to number more than 1,000, nearly 200 of them in the Ruhr and the Rhineland.—Reuter.

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Woman Today

She is a Finn and her name is Hertta Kuusinen. She is pretty, fair-haired and dangerous, says

WALTER HAYES.

A Family Dictator

I doubt if the Englishman travelling in Greece ever quite recovers from the sight of the peasant riding on his donkey while his burdened wife trudges along the road beside him.

In Greece, East and West meet in a strange marriage of customs. The village woman's place is in the home, and she is never seen with her husband in the coffee-house, where the men's talk runs on politics like we discuss football.

From dawn to dusk she cooks, sews, ploughs, rears the children uncomplaining, and at 26 looks 45. Only at the day's end and on Sundays are she strolls before her door gossiping with the village women, all wearing the colourful costumes of their Province.

Yet her husband will never buy or sell without her advice, and in the family life she is the dictator.

In Athens the Greek woman, who still has no vote, has won by beauty and intelligence a growing independence and a hidden influence on the political world of men. The elegant West End Kolonaki woman is fashionably dressed without emptying her husband's wallet. Appearances are deceptive in Greece, and she probably makes ends meet with difficulty.

Speaking at least two foreign languages fluently, she helps clothe herself by working in an Allied Mission.

Wages are obtainable and cheap, and life even for the poor families is less house-bound than in England.

The shop-girl's is the greatest achievement for she rivals the Kolonaki lady for smartness, matching purse, gloves and shoes with her coat with natural taste.

Prices are generally five times those in England, but wages may be even lower. That is why all women live from day to day, buying what they can when they can afford it.

Household gadgets, from nylon babies' traycloths to pot-cleaners, are either entirely "flicking" or impossibly expensive. There are no big stores like our own, and the Greek woman's problem is so much the greater.

The best tribute to the Greek woman is the 5,000 marriages between British soldiers and Greek girls that have taken place here since 1945.

KEITH BUTLER

Russia

Oh, these troublesome women of Europe! Into the spot-light now comes a pretty, fair-haired and dangerous person, Hertta Kuusinen.

She looks 30; she might be 40. And in a wide-windowed, three-roomed flat in Helsinki she is doing Stalin's work in Finland.

Hertta is chairman of the Communist Party in the Finnish Parliament. She is also the wife of Yrjoe Leino, leader of the Finnish Communists and Minister of the Interior. Little 53-year-old Anna Pauker

—another woman trouble-maker who trod the revolutionary path to become Foreign Minister in Rumania's Communist-dominated Government—she had reached the heights through the dark alleys of the underground plot and plan.

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Heavily-guarded by 7,000 police and hundreds of detectives, General Charles de Gaulle, for the second time in less than 24 hours, today called for general elections to change the present French Government of M. Robert Schuman. He told 90,000 people at the old port of Marseilles that M. Schuman's middle-of-the-road Government had "lost the support of the people and control of the political and economic situation," and added: "We must go to the people as soon as possible to obtain the authority and credit necessary to lead them in times which are so difficult and might so easily become tragic."

The General spoke from a floating pontoon anchored 30 yards from the quayside. Specially manned fishing smacks and a fire boat flanked the pontoon. The meeting passed off without incident.

Every house facing the port had been searched yesterday. No boats were allowed to move in the small harbour and the only vessels near the pontoon from which the General spoke were a police launch and two small boats carrying journalists.

A smart white yacht ferried General de Gaulle to his floating platform. A barrier, manned by hundreds of Gaullists, kept all but invited guests 100 yards from the quayside.

Attempt Fails

These precautions contrasted with the General's walk yesterday through cheering crowds in the centre of the town and his visit to the Church of Notre Dame de La Garde in the Communist quarter this morning, where he was surrounded by hundreds of people.

Clashes between Gaullists and Communists kept many people at home this week-end.

After the General had left, an official of the Rally announced that there had been an attempt to cut off the electric current to prevent the speech being broadcast.

An electricity plant had been provided, he said, and the attempt failed.

"France's Duty"

The Communist counter-demonstration held at the same time in another part of the town attracted a crowd of 10,000.

In his speech, the General said: "Nearly everybody admits that we must organise the free peoples of Europe into an economic and strategic whole, and that this will one day include the nationwide strikes last November and December, and continue: "Let there be no mistake, however. They keep two great chances—one new at home, that at the time of complete economic and social imbalance the Government is in disagreement with the nation. And the other, held in reserve abroad, which if it appeared, would be called invasion."

The Danger

The RPP leader that Russia, despite her vast resources, would not dare pursue her expansionist drive if she were not confronted with a disorganized Europe.

"In such a situation, nothing like those who would tell us to sleep can say, hide from us the danger hovering over us. But we can meet it and if we are able to do so."

Calling for a Western European Union including a future Federal Germany to meet the common danger, General de Gaulle declared:

"Practically everyone believes our country must resolutely ensure its national defence on land sea and air by all means at its disposal." —United Press.

Scorching Wind

Warning of danger of war hanging over Europe, General de Gaulle declared: "Things are moving quickly. Without agreeing to give up hope of peace we can feel the breath of this scorching wind we know well, which announces the impending storm." Recalling how the Western nations had vainly sought good re-

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November 16: It is very sad that a number of German generals, especially aristocrats, have placed themselves at Stalin's disposal in the Free Germany Committee of Moscow. That does us a lot of harm. It proves again that our officers lack all political instinct.

November 17: There is constant talk among Soviet prisoners about a joint war with Germany and the Soviet Union on one side against England and the United States on the other.

Interestingly enough the English and American prisoners talk about a war in which Germany and the Anglo-Americans would beat the Soviet Union.

That means that although each warring side wants to destroy us, it would nevertheless like to use us as allies against the other side after such destruction.

November 19: There is some complaint about the attitude of certain classes of our population towards English prisoners of war. Their behaviour must be characterized as lacking in dignity.

I have given orders that people sufficiently unmindful of their honour as to behave thus are to be summoned into court and given heavy prison sentences.

Repeat Demand

November 21: The Soviets have repeated their demand that Germany furnish 10,000,000 workers for five years for reconstruction purposes on the conclusion of peace.

The idea that our soldiers might not return home at all, but might have to remain in the Soviet Union as forced labour is terrible thought for every woman and every mother.

November 24: Trouble began quite early this morning. First I was given a general report of the situation in Berlin, which is a sad one indeed. I just can't understand how the English are able to do so much damage to the Reich's capital during one air raid.

The picture that greeted my eye in the Wilhelmplatz was one of utter desolation. Blazing fires everywhere.

Schaub [Hitler's A.D.C.] called on me and described the destruction in the Reich Chancellery.

Although he defended the private apartments of the Fuehrer with the fury of a bear, he could not prevent their suffering some damage. From the Chancellery looks almost unscathed. It is owing mainly to Schaub's intervention that our home in Hermann Goring-street, though pretty desolate, has not completely burned out completely. The top floor is filled with water. It is practically impossible to live there: there is no heat, no water and all rooms are filled with pungent smoke.

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"ORBITA"	U.K.	Shanghai	23rd May
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"TJISADANE"	IN PORT	to Manilla, 20th April. to Javaports & Macassar 26th April
"TJBADAK"	from Macassar & Javaports, 25th April.	in Javaports & Macassar, 12th May.
"STRAAT SOENDA"	from Japan 30th April	to Menado, Macassar & Java Ports, 2nd May

ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

	Arrivals	Sailings
"BOISSEVAIN"	from South America, South Africa, via Straits & Mafura 29th April	to Shanghai & Japan, 21st April to South Africa, South America, via Manila & Straits 8th May

	Arrivals	Sailings
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	from South America, South Africa, Mid May	to South Africa, South America, Early June

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	Arrivals	Sailings
"HEINRICH JESSEN"	IN PORT	to Straits & Belawan Dell, 20th April.

	Arrivals	Sailings
"VAN HEUTSZ"	from Belawan & Straits 23rd April; from Amoy & Sintow, 1st May.	to Swatow & Amoy, 25th April; to Straits & Belawan Dell, 2nd May.

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From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast	20th May	m.v. "BALI"
via Los Angeles	Mid. June	s.s. "DONA AURORA"

SAILINGS

For	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast	23rd April	m.v. "TAMARA"
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE**LOSSES IN COAL STRIKE**
Railroads And Steel Hardest Hit
Weekly Review Of U.S. Business

New York, Apr. 19.

Industry struggled this week to make up the production losses caused by the coal strike.

Coal mining operations still were far below normal. But the railroad and steel industries, hardest hit of all by the fuel shortage and still a bit jittery over a sure fire coal supply, jacked up operations and planned to resume full scale activity as soon as possible.

Normal coal mining was blocked on two fronts:

1—Roughly one-third of the country's 450,000 soft coal miners stayed away from work, apparently to await a decision on John L. Lewis' contempt of court trial.

2—Floods in many coal mining areas prevented mining.

The automobile business managed to maintain production during the week but it appeared likely that fewer cars would roll off assembly lines in late April and May.

Steel makers kept up shipments of finished products such as plate during the coal shutdown, but only at the expense of inventories.

Retail sales figures distort the picture. While dollar sales show continued increases, unit volume has declined in many cases.

European recovery, rearmament and larger incomes via the lower tax method might be the shot in the arm needed to spur the flow of goods.

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Observers' Worry

Elsewhere business and industry functioned at close to top.

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"NANCHANG" 4 p.m. 24th Apr.

"YUCHOW" 4 p.m. 24th Apr.
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ENGLISH PRINCE (Jardine) April
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PIONEER LAKE (U.S.L.) ex-New York 24th Apr.
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SOUTH AMERICA

BOISSEVAIN (R. I. L.) via South America 20th Apr.
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PRES. MONROE (A.P.L.) for Atlantic Coast 20th Apr.

EUROPE

ACHILLES (U. & S.) Glasgow via Pt. Said, Marseilles, Genoa, (U. & S.)
VILLEROY (M.M.) via Stralsund, Antwerp, London, Liverpool, via Port Said, Calcutta, 4th May

HUNAN (U. & S.) for Amoy, Tientsin, via Takuoo, via Straits, Manila, via San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan 4th May

TREVOR (Mac. Mac.) for Japan 4th May

PRES. PIERCE (A.P.L.) from San Francisco via Manilla, via Manila, via Singapore, via Yokohama, Japan 4th May

ST. PATRICK (Courile) ex-New York 4th May

LANCASHIRE (Mac. Mac.) for Japan 4th May

CHASTINE MAERSK (Jeben) from New York 4th May

PIONEER LAKE (U.S.L.) ex-New York 4th May

NEW ZEALAND VICTORY (Jardine) ex-San Francisco 4th May

PRINCE MONROE (A.P.L.) ex-San Francisco 4th May

SILVERFOAK (R. I. L.) early May

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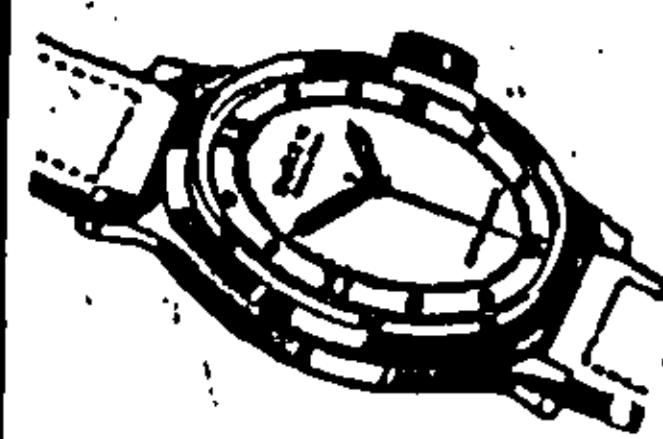
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CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1948.

Chief Cashier Admits Faking Robbery

The faked robbery at the Farmers' Bank on Dec. 30, 1947, was recalled at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when Tsang Kam-shing, 42, former Chief Cashier of the Bank, was sentenced to four years and three months' hard labour by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), on his pleading guilty to charges of larceny by sorcery, conspiracy to defeat the ends of justice and conspiracy to effect a public mischief.

Tsang Kul, 23, shop boy and a cousin of Tsang Kam-shing, was sentenced to one year's hard labour when he pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy to defeat the ends of justice and conspiracy to effect a public mischief.

Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, appeared for Tsang Kam-shing, while Tsang Kul was not legally represented.

Outlining the facts of the case, Mr. Lonsdale said that on Dec. 30, a bank watchman noticed a door of a side lane open. The door was used exclusively for conveying equipments of banknotes into the bank. The keys were held by Tsang Kam-shing. The attention of another official of the bank was drawn and the latter went down to the basement, where he saw the vault-door also open. The key to the vault were also in the possession of Tsang Kam-shing.

The second accused was seen hiding inside the vault, while Tsang Kam-shing was lying on the floor tied up. Both men were taken to the Police Station, where Tsang Kam-shing made a complaint of robbery.

Scared Spurious

The Police later went to the scene of the alleged crime and from certain things observed, the story of Tsang Kam-shing and second accused seemed rather spurious. The Police questioned and cross-questioned both accused until they finally admitted their guilt.

Mr. Lonsdale said that Tsang Kam-shing told the Police that during the course of the year, he had taken sums of money amounting to \$300,000 from the bank at intervals not specified and that he had used them for speculation and for advances to businesses. He also admitted staging the robbery and that he had stolen another \$30,000 on the day of the faked robbery.

The books of the bank were so arranged that it was not possible to find the times when the various defalcations occurred, but the \$30,000 had some connection with a deposit made in another bank. A total of \$40,000 was deposited and on the day of Tsang's arrest, the money was withdrawn by another person. Out of \$30,000 taken from the bank, the sum of \$10,500 had been restored.

In a plan for mitigation on behalf of Tsang Kam-shing, Mr. Wright said that his client was born in Saigon and had to support a wife, two children, a mother of 70, a step-mother, the second wife of his father, and a younger brother aged 14 years. First accused joined the bank 10 years ago and came to the Hong Kong branch in 1945.

Regarding the \$30,000 stolen from the bank on the day of the robbery, Mr. Wright said that in 1947 first accused lost \$40,000 speculating in gold and as a result, owed \$20,000 to each of two native banks. In order to pay off the banks, he borrowed \$20,000 from two friends. In consequence of these friends pressuring for repayment, first accused took \$30,000 from the bank on Dec. 30 and, together with another \$10,000 which he obtained himself, paid his friends off.

Desperation

At this stage, he found himself in insoluble financial difficulties because he realised that in a day or two, when the accounts were made up, the defalcations would be found out. In desperation, he planned the ill-advised and bogus robbery, which deceived nobody and in the course of which he was detected.

With regard to repayment to the Bank, Mr. Wright said that first accused's wife had collected and paid back to the bank \$19,500. In addition, first accused's property in Chu Ling, Canton, had been taken over by the Canton branch of the bank, as well as his title deeds to house property in Swatow and his shares in two businesses in Cholon. His guarantor in China had also been sued by the Bank. First accused's salary was \$950 a month and with his family commitments, he found it extremely difficult to make ends meet. As a result, he fell easy prey to the lure of speculation, so prevalent in the Colony.

DOGWHIPPER FOR CHURCH

London, Apr. 18. The Rev. R. D. Meredith, Vicar of Christ Church, Kent, disclosed today that he had appointed a "dogwhipper" at a salary of 10 shillings a year.

Reverting to a custom of the 17th Century, Mr. Meredith hired Bill Jell, church stoker.

Like his predecessors in the day of Charles II, Jell will wear a white coat and topper and carry a long whip to chase out dogs who stray into church during services—United Press.

Fatshan Hospital Concert

A concert was held at the Y.M.C.A., Canton, last Saturday on behalf of the Rebuilding Appeal for the Methodist Hospital, Fatshan. The concert hall was filled and a full and varied programme was given to an appreciative audience which included the British Consul, Mr. R. A. Hall.

Guest artists were Mrs. J. Linsley Grossit of Lingnan University (Pianoforte Solos), the Rev. W. Blackstone of Canton (Flute Solos), and Mr. John V. Drago of this colony (Violin Solos) accompanied by Miss Murion Ahwee of Hong Kong University. Soprano solos were rendered by Mrs. F. Evison of the Methodist Church, Fatshan, contralto solos by Miss Muriel Bowman of Fatshan Hospital, and tenor solos by Dr. C. T. Huang also of Fatshan Hospital.

Madrigals

An interesting feature of the evening was what was probably the first public performance in Canton of Early English and other madrigals sung by the Fatshan Hospital and Lingnan University Madrigal Singers. These were preceded by a short description of the Madrigal by Mrs. Grossit and were sung unaccompanied round a table in the original manner. Lighted candles added their effect to the old world atmosphere and the audience was able to enter into the gaiety and, occasionally, the sweet sadness of the original songs.

The rendering of the last song, "O Soldier, Soldier," strictly an English Folk Song but sung in the madrigal manner, called forth a burst of applause which expressed the audience's appreciation and enjoyment of the high standard set throughout the evening.

MRS. ROOSEVELT IN BRUSSELS

Brussels, Apr. 18. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was guest of honour today at a luncheon given jointly by the Association for United Nations Cooperation and the National Council of Belgian Women.

A special dish was created to commemorate Mrs. Roosevelt's visit and called "Roosevelt Chicken."—United Press.

The Futility Of Journalism

The futility of journalism was touched on by Mr. Harry Ching, editor-in-chief of the "South China Morning Post", yesterday in a brief farewell address to Mr. Benjamin Wylie, who, accompanied by Mrs. Wylie, will be leaving for South Africa shortly on retirement.

At the farewell gathering Mr. and Mrs. Wylie's apartment in the Gloucester Hotel were representatives of the "Hong Kong Telegraph", the "China Mail", and the "Post" editorial, business and printing departments.

After referring to Mr. Wylie's long and valued services, not only to the newspaper, he had managed so successfully, but also to the Colony, Mr. Ching said that when at the end of a long career, a journalist looked back on the events he had written up and the people he had met he realised the futility of it all.

Mr. Wylie, he added, had the right to feel indignation at the non-recognition by Government or anyone of the service he had rendered to the Colony.

Mr. Ching's speech followed Mr. F. Franklin, now managing director of the "Post", who on behalf of his colleagues presented Mr. Wylie with a clock and a leather attache case.

Mrs. Wylie was presented with a basket of flowers. Mr. Wylie

expressed his gratitude for the presents and kind thoughts of his former colleagues.

Others present at the gathering were Mr. S. A. Gray, F. Wong, Miss S. Bander, and Cheng Chung-yeo, representing the printing department which he has served for 40 years.

Complainant raised a hue and cry, with the result that nearby villagers came out and chased the two fugitives. Accused was caught and severely manhandled by the villagers who handed him over to the Police.

In consequence of the injuries which he had received, accused was sent to Hospital. The knife was found in his possession, but none of the stolen property was recovered.

An order was also made by Mr. Justice Williams that Li receive 24 strokes of the "cat".

On referring to Li's record, Mr. Justice Williams remarked that in his career of crime, Li had also been sentenced to seven years' hard labour for attempted murder in Brunel, but had not served very much of this sentence.

Mr. Lonsdale said that it was possibly due to overcrowding of the Prison at that place that Li was released before expiry of his sentence.

Wong Yu-wing, 28, who was charged together with Li on the robbery charge and who pleaded guilty, was sentenced by Mr. Justice Williams to seven years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane.

Mr. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel said that on Feb. 28, at about 11.45 a.m. PC Yu Wal-lung was on patrol in a scavenging lane behind Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong, when he saw Li carrying something wrapped up in a newspaper. The constable stopped Li and was about to search him when he unwrapped the parcel and produced an automatic pistol, which was pointed at the constable.

Mr. Lonsdale, who was assisted by Det. Insp. D. G. MacPherson and that accused, together with others not in custody, took part in a number of armed robberies in the Wan Chai district.

Li was identified and pointed out by an inmate of one of the houses robbed. When approached by Chinese detectives, he dropped his pistol sharply to avoid running down a pedestrian who crossed its path in Des Voeux Road, West, yesterday morning.

The constable, who opened fire, "accused" was shot in the leg and arrested.

A constable died in hospital after being thrown off a lorry which braked sharply to avoid running down a pedestrian who crossed its path in Des Voeux Road, West, yesterday morning.

Li was searched and in his pocket, nine rounds of ammunition found. He was later taken to Hospital. Enquiries by the Police led to the arrest of Wong Yiu-wing, who was paroled on some time back on the forty-third day of his confinement.

Inspector Moran prosecuted.

Fierce Struggle

The latter made a grab for the pistol and a fierce struggle took place. The constable managed to free himself and to draw his own revolver.

When challenged, Li rushed at the constable, who opened fire.

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SHUKRI BEY RE-ELECTED

Damascus, Apr. 18. Shukri Bey El Kuwaiti, President of the Republic of Syria, was re-elected at a special meeting of the Syrian Parliament, 123 deputies voting in his favour and two abstaining.

President El Kuwaiti was elected for five years in 1948 and will now serve for a further five years.—Reuters.

BRUGNON ELIMINATED

Paris, Apr. 18. In the Paris International tennis championships which opened today at the Roland Garros Stadium, Charlene Visied of 400 million, eliminated the French veteran, Jacques Brugnon, 6-2, 6-2, in the second round of the men's singles.

The Provincial Health Department yesterday confirmed that

Charles Cottontree, of Hull, County Cork, Ireland, has been

disqualified from the competition.

PLAQUE IN FORT BAYARD

Canton, Apr. 18. Subacute plague has broken out in Chankeng (Fort Bayard) and Limkong in the Fukien Province.

The Provincial Health Department

has issued a warning to the

public to take care.

COTTON WINS US\$7,500

White Sulphur Springs, Apr. 18. Henry Cotton, veteran British pro who is supposed to be nearing the end of his golfing days, came up with his first tournament victory in the United States today when he shot 70-70 to win the U.S.\$7,500 "Greentree" Amateur and Professional with 130 for two rounds.

Cotton beat 12 United States professional stars for first place in professional ranks and tied for top position in the amateur professional competition.

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Alleged Forgery Of Railway Tickets

Two alleged forgers of third-class Kowloon-Canton Railway tickets appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr yesterday afternoon and, on the application of Inspector J. Orem, were remanded for three days in custody.

Cheung Shui-san, 27, described as an unemployed electric welder, temporarily residing in Room 312, Kowloon Hotel, was charged, together with Si Tak (20), unemployed

ed, of the same address, with forging 38 tickets on April 17 and 62 tickets on the day following.

First defendant was additionally charged with possession of 38 forged tickets on April 18, and second accused with possession of 62 tickets on the same day.

Si Tak was arrested at the K.C.R. Station by PC 1184 when he offered some forged tickets to Sub-Inspector H. C. Hung who, on instructions from his superior officers, proceeded to the Station with his family at 7 a.m. on Sunday. Information supplied by the suspect led to the arrest, at the Kowloon Hotel (Room 312) of Cheng

"The new technique" adopted by railway ticket scalpers was revealed by Inspector J. Orem when he prosecuted four Chinese males before Mr. W. H. Latimer for offering K.C.R. tickets for sale.

Instead of having the tickets with them the blackmarketeers would first find the buyers.

They would then go to the centre and obtain the requisite number of tickets.

They were not runners, said Inspector Orem when the Magistrate ordered a further remand of one week.

The three defendants, who were granted bail of \$1,000 on Saturday, were convicted and sentenced to three months' hard labour on the charge of receiving

motor-car headlamps.

After sentence was passed on April 17, Det. Sub-Inspector Chak Ho-ku (prosecuting) asked the Magistrate to consider giving the option of a fine us

to the Police in recovering the stolen property.

Mr. Blair-Kerr advised the prosecuting officer to make a formal application for a review of the sentence if he could "strongly recommend giving the option of a fine, and

defendants the right to receive equal shares in the 'profits.'

Fined \$75

Defendants Cheng Hung-ching (18), Lam Chong (28), Pang Kuan-chuen (32), and Li Kwan-ching (28), were fined \$75 each.

They were all arrested at the K.C.R. Station between 7.10 and 7.30 a.m. on April 17.

Seen by Detective L/S 782 offering two third-class K.C.R. tickets at \$10 each at 7.40 a.m. on April 18, Wong Sik-chun (32), widow of 39 Haiphong Road, was fined \$75 by Mr. Latimer.

Chan Muk-tak, unemployed, forfeited his bail of \$100 when he failed to appear before Mr. Latimer to answer the charge of offering two third-class railway tickets at \$10 each at K.C.R. Station at 7 a.m. on Sunday. He was arrested by Detective 1023.

Prizes

Prizes for the Colony Open Badminton Championships, 2nd & 3rd Rounds—

Wednesday, April 21, at Kowloon Cricket Club—

7.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles)

A. Ho & K. F. Chiu or M. Verleyen & A. J. Gonzales v. W.

K. Ying & S. C. Liang or J. L. Anderson & A. L. Fisher.

8.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles)

A. D. Brown & J. A. Scoures v. A. Bayot & F. M. Ribeiro.

8.30 p.m. (Mixed Doubles) R. Tay & Miss W. Cheung v. W. C. Chung & Mrs. Chung.

9.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles)

W. Lawrence & C. Quinn v. H. A. Barros & P. A. Yvanovich or S. Saul & W. Gillies.

9.30 p.m. (Mixed Doubles) R. Young & Miss L. Khuo v. W. Foo & Mrs. T. W. Tao.

Thursday, April 22 at Victoria Recreation Club—

7.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles)